## STATE OF INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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JACQUELYN R. WORLAND, Complainant, FILE DATED

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Indiana State Civil Rights Commission

VS.

ELKS LODGE BPO #291, Respondent.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On June 29, 2007, Robert D. Lange, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ("ICRC"), entered his Proposed Findings Of Fact, Conclusions Of Law, And Order ("the proposed decision").

No objections have been filed to the ICRC's adoption of the proposed decision.

Having carefully considered the foregoing and being duly advised in the premises, the ICRC hereby adopts as its own the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order proposed by the ALJ in the proposed decision, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

#### INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Dated: 27 July 2007

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and to be personally served on the following attorney of record:

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# PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On June 27, 2007, Complainant, Jacquelyn R. Worland ("Worland"), filed her Motion To Dismiss, a motion to which Respondent, Elks Lodge BPO #291 ("the Lodge"), has not responded.

Having carefully considered the foregoing and being duly advised in the premises the undersigned Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ("ICRC") proposes that the ICRC enter the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Worland's complaint alleges that, in May of 2006, she was denied equal access to a public accommodation because she had filed a prior complaint with the ICRC and that said denial was in violation of the Indiana Civil Rights Law, IC 22-9. ("the ICRL"). COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION (June 12, 2006).

- 2. The Lodge disputes Worland' claims of unlawful discrimination. APPEARANCE AND ANSWER (July 10, 2006).
- 3. Worland's Motion is expressly motivated by a settlement.
- 4. There is no evidence of fraud, coercion, duress, or any other reason not to approve the stipulated dismissal.
- 5. Any Conclusion Of Law that should have been deemed a Finding Of Fact is hereby adopted as such.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The ICRC has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties.
- Settlement is a favored resolution and should be encouraged.
- 3. Administrative review of this proposed decision may be obtained by the filing of a writing specifying with reasonable particularity each basis for each objection within fifteen (15) days after service of this proposed decision. IC 4-21.5-3-29(d).
- 4. Any Finding Of Fact that should have been deemed a Conclusion Of Law is hereby adopted as such.

### **ORDER**

- Worland's Motion To Dismiss is GRANTED.
- 2. Worland's complaint is **DISMISSED**, with prejudice.

Dated: 29 June 2007

Robert D. Lange

Administrative Law Judge

To be served by first class mail this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007 on the following parties and attorneys of record:

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